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INCOMPLETE CONSTRUCTIONS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the contracts have been awarded for completing the construction work for the year 2006-07 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, whether all the roads constructed up to the third quarter of the year have been found to be of good quality;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the construction of all the roads so far have been completed within stipulated period;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken/to be taken by the Government against erring officials/contractors as well as the steps taken to complete the remaining work within stipulated time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a), (b) and (c) Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), projects are sanctioned in batches to various States. The States are expected to award the contracts within a period of 120 days, as specified in the Operations Manual and the related instructions issued from time to time. During the period July 2004 to September 2006, 17345 inspections were carried out by National Quality Monitors. In 11124 cases, the work was found to be satisfactory and in 6221 cases it was found to be unsatisfactory. The reasons for unsatisfactory work, amongst others, are use of sub standard material, deficiencies in workmanship.

(d) to (f) PMGSY is implemented in accordance with programme guidelines. In plain areas, the projects are to be completed within a period of 9 working months from the date of issue of the work order. In case the period for execution is likely to be adversely affected by monsoon or other seasonal factors, the time period for execution is extended up to 12 calendar months. If the projects are not completed within the prescribed time limit, the contractors are liable to pay liquidated damages as per provisions of the contract.